

Message Text

SECRET

PAGE 01 TEHRAN 02853 301127Z

10

ACTION NEA-09

INFO OCT-01 AF-06 EUR-12 ISO-00 CIAE-00 PM-03 H-02 INR-07

L-02 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 USIA-06

MC-02 ACDA-05 TRSE-00 IGA-01 SAM-01 EB-07 /088 W

----- 038636

R 301006Z MAR 75

FM AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 809

INFO AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

CINCUSNAVEIU LONDON

COMIDEASTFOR MANAMA

DIA WASHDC

SECDEF WASHDC

USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN GER

S E C R E T TEHRAN 2853

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, IR, SU

SUBJECT: TRANSFER OF IRANIAN PATROL BOATS TO SUDAN

REF: TEHRAN 2642

1. OWING TO NOW RUZ HOLIDAYS, WHICH WILL CONTINUE FOR ABOUT ONE MORE WEEK, WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO OBTAIN DEFINITE INFORMATION AS TO IDENTIFICATION OF BOATS WHICH GOI TRANSFERRED TO SUDAN. BEST INFORMATION AVAILABLE NOW INDICATES TAHT FOUR BOATS IN QUESTION WERE TAKEN FROM LOT OF SIX BOATS PURCHASED THROUGH FMS CASE BAE AND BAK. WE WILL SUPPLY BETTER INFORMATION WHEN WE CAN DISCUSS MATTER WITH IRANIAN OFFICERS.

2. THERE WOULD APPEAR TO US TO BE TWO POSSIBLE MEANS FOR DEALING WITH THIS PROBLEM:

A. WE COULD QUIETLY REQUEST THAT IRANIANS RECALL BOATS FROM SUDAN. WE DO NOT RECOMMENT THIS STEP AS IT WOULD PROVE EMBARRASSING IN OUR RELATIONS WITH GOI AND IN IRAN'S

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 TEHRAN 02853 301127Z

RELATIONS WITH SUDAN. IT ALSO SEEMS AN EXCESSIVELY HARSH

MEASURE TO TAKE IN RECTIFYING A SITUATION THAT WE FEEL WAS PRODUCED THROUGH HONEST ERROR ON THE IRANIAN SIDE. KHARTOUM MAY WISH TO COMMENT ON SUDANESE REACTION IF THIS MEASURE WERE TO BE ADOPTED.

B. WE COULD INSTITUTE PROCEDURES FOR APPROVAL OF TRANSFER, INCLUDING A NOTICE TO CONGRESS AND CUSTOMARY ASSURANCES FROM GOS. WE BELIEVE THIS WOULD BE AMORE APPROPRIATE MEANS FOR DEALING WITH TRANSFER OF THESE ITEMS OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT WHICH ARE IN POOR CONDITION AND OF MARGINAL MILITARY VALUE. IF THIS ALTERNATIVE IS ACCEPTED, WE BELIEVE THAT WE SHOULD GIVE GOI A CLEAR STATEMENT OF OUR POLICY TOWARD THE SUDAN WHICH COULD GUIDE ANY FURTHER DECISIONS OF THIS NATURE.

3. PLEASE ADVISE.
HELMS

SECRET

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: LAW, MILITARY SALES, NAVAL SHIPS, MILITARY EQUIPMENT LOANS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 30 MAR 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: KelleyW0
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975TEHRAN02853
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750110-0770
From: TEHRAN
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t1975033/aaaaacse.tel
Line Count: 76
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION NEA
Original Classification: SECRET
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: SECRET
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 75 TEHRAN 2642
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: KelleyW0
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 01 JUL 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <01 JUL 2003 by ShawDG>; APPROVED <10 NOV 2003 by KelleyW0>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
05 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: TRANSFER OF IRANIAN PATROL BOATS TO SUDAN
TAGS: MASS, IR, SU, GE
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006